

## Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A method comprising:

- (a) receiving at least one currency note into an automated banking machine;
- (b) assessing the at least one currency note for validity with a validating device in association with the machine;
- (c) responsive to assessing in (b) at least one currency note of suspect validity, storing in a data store in association with the machine, data usable to uniquely identify the at least one suspect currency note and a person associated with ~~the user from whom~~ the at least one suspect currency note ~~was received.~~

2. (original) The method according to claim 1 wherein step (b) includes determining a serial number on the at least one note and wherein step (c) includes storing data corresponding to the serial number.

3. (currently amended) The A method ~~according to claim 2 and further comprising prior to step (c);~~ comprising:

- (a) receiving at least one note into an automated banking machine;
- (b) assessing the at least one note with a validating device, wherein the assessing includes determining a serial number on the at least one note;
- (c) storing in a data store, data usable to identify the at least one note and a user from whom the at least one note was received, wherein the storing includes storing data corresponding to the serial number;
- (d) prior to (c), comparing the serial number of the at least one note to data corresponding to at least one serial number previously stored in the data store.

4. (original) The method according to claim 3 wherein the at least one serial number previously stored comprises serial numbers of counterfeit notes.

5. (currently amended) The method according to claim 3 wherein the at least one serial number previously stored ~~in the machine~~ comprises serial numbers of notes already stored in the machine.

6. (original) The method according to claim 5 and further comprising taking at least one action if the serial number of the at least one note received by the machine matches the serial number of another note already stored in the machine.

7. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein ~~in step (b) the at least one note is assessed for validity, and wherein in step (c) the data usable to identify the user is stored responsive to determining in step (b) that the at least one note is of suspect validity~~ (c) includes storing in correlated relation data usable to identify the at least one suspect currency note and data usable to identify the person.

8. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1 and further comprising:

(d) receiving at least one input from the person through ~~user to~~ at least one input device on the machine;

wherein in step (c) the data usable to identify the person ~~user~~ corresponds to the at least one input.

9. (original) The method according to claim 8 wherein in step (d) the at least one input comprises reading data from a card.

10. (original) The method according to claim 8 wherein in step (d) the at least one input comprises a biometric input.

11. (currently amended) ~~The A method according to claim 8 and further~~ comprising:

- (a) receiving at least one note into an automated banking machine;
- (b) assessing the at least one note with a validating device;
- (c) storing in a data store, data usable to identify the at least one note and a user from whom the at least one note was received;
- (d) receiving at least one input from the user through at least one input device on the machine, wherein in (c) the data usable to identify the user corresponds to the at least one input;
- (e) receiving a request from the user to have the machine provide to the user at least one non-cash document redeemable for value in exchange for the at least one note; and
- (f) providing the at least one document from the machine.

12. (original) The method according to claim 11 and prior to step (f);

(g) determining through operation of the machine whether fulfilling the request by the user received in step (e) will result in the user receiving non-cash documents redeemable for value in excess of a number or value;

and executing (f) only if in step (g) it is determined that fulfilling the request by the user will not result in the user receiving non-cash documents in excess of the number or value.

13. (original) The method according to claim 12 wherein in step (g) the determination of whether fulfilling the request will result in the user receiving documents in excess of a number of value includes evaluation of at least one prior transaction resulting in the user receiving non-cash documents in exchange for notes in a prior transaction.

14. (original) The method according to claim 13 wherein in step (g) it is determined if the user would receive as a result of fulfilling the request in step (e), documents in excess of a particular value in exchange for notes within a given time period.

15. (original) The method according to claim 11 and further comprising:

storing in the data store data usable to identify the at least one non-cash document redeemable for value, in correlated relation with the data usable to identify the user.

16. (currently amended) The method according to claim 11 ~~12~~ wherein in step (f) the document comprises a money order.

17. (currently amended) The method according to claim 11 ~~12~~ wherein in step (f) the document comprises a gift certificate.

18. (currently amended) The method according to claim 11 ~~12~~ wherein in step (f) the document comprises a check.

19. (currently amended) Computer software operative in at least one computer in an automated banking machine, wherein the computer software is operative to cause the machine to carry out the method steps ~~step~~ recited in claim 1.

20. (new) Computer software operative in at least one computer in an automated banking machine, wherein the computer software is operative to cause the machine to carry out the method steps recited in claim 3.

21. (new) Computer software operative in at least one computer in an automated banking machine, wherein the computer software is operative to cause the machine to carry out the method steps recited in claim 11.

22. (new) The method according to claim 1 wherein at least one suspect currency note comprises a counterfeit currency note, wherein (c) includes storing data usable to identify at least one counterfeit currency note.

23. (new) The method according to claim 1 wherein data usable to identify the person corresponds to at least one of an account number or a biometric input, wherein (c) includes storing data corresponding to at least one of an account number or a biometric input.